coverage and d^niojistralians and application of rainfed technology for their increased production.

Autonomous Corporation for Hindustan Samachar and Samachar Bharati

415. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTINE be please;! ta state:

(a) whether Go/ernment propose to set up an autoiomous corporation to manage the nfairs of the Hindu-star Samachar and Samachar Bharati; and

(b) if so, wha: are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arisa.

Setting up of fertiliser plants in the cooperative sector

416. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Miniser of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gi vernment propose to set up eleven chemical based fertilizer plants in the cooperative sector during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, ihe names of the places where these Plan's are likey to be *set* up?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRl BUTA SINGH- i Ca) and (b) Of the eleven major fertilizer plants now under implementation, one Dlant, being established at Aonla in Bareilly District of Uttar Pradesh is in the cooperative setcor.

Censorship Board for Doordarshan Programmes

417. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING te pleased to state:

(a) whether any censorship or certication board has been constitu ted by Government to determine the suitability jr otherwise of TV films and other sponsored program mes on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what is its composition and precise functions; and

(c) the criteria for the selection of certification of programme for Door darshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY O" INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

'c) The programmes are selected keeping in view their social, cultural, educational relevance, entertainment value and suitability for family viewing.

Earnings from TV Serials

418. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN; SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the total earnings so far

made through sponsorship fees and spot advertisements of -*he* TV serials Hum Log, Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi, Khaandaan ,Nukkad and Rajani by Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRl V. N. GADGIL^ Th$_e$ totai earnings so far made through sponsorship fees and spot advertisements of the TV serials Hum Log, Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi, Khandan, Nukkad and Rajni is Rs. 13.94 crores.

Colloquium on "Indian Television Today and Tomorrow"

419. SHRIMATl MAIMOONA SULTAN; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether a 3-day colloquium on "Indian Television Today and Tomorrow" was held in New Delhi from March 22, 1986, onwards;

(b) if so, what specific issues' were discussed and suggestions made at the colloquium; and

(c) what was Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A three day Colloquium on "Television Today and Tomorrow" was held at Delhi from March 22, 1986 under the aegis of NAMEDIA Foundation. A cross-section of people, interested and involved in media activities were invited to participate in its deliberations. According to reports a free and frank discussion was held on various aspects of Doordarshan's working, programmes, activities constraints and impediments, etc. However, no specific suggestions of the National Colloquium have s° far been received by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Iron Ore resources

420. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the estimated iron ore resources of the country which have been identified;

(b) whether it is a fact that these are the Sixth largest in the world-

(c) whether any extensive survey was undertaken to explore new iron ore deposits in the country; and

(d) the number of years ^{tn}e iron or$_e$ reserves are likeiy to- test assuming a three-fold increase in the number of steel plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE . IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The estimate of iron ore resources of the country which have identified is 17.678 tonnes;

(b) As per available information, the reserves of iron ore in lndia are th$_e$ fourth largest in th$_e$ World after USSR, Brazil and Australia.

(c) Survey of minerals is a continuous Perocess and during the Vlth Plan period ^{ne}w iron ore deposits have also been explored resulting in establishing ment of additional reserve of 1696 million tonnes.

(d) The Sub-Group on Iron ore constituted by Planning Commission is of the view that even if the present level of production i$_s$ doubled to a level of 80 to 90 million tonnes per year th$_e$ hematite reserves should last for another IOO years- However, when a fuller exploration of th$_e$ deposits is done there is the possibility of this estimat$_e$ of life index being revised upwards-